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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: EMIN, GSA, ITC, MY
SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN-MALAYSIAN DISCUSSION OF STOCKPILE RELEASE

1. MALAYSIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES. DATUK AMAR TAIB MAHMUD AND JORGE QUIROGA, BOLIVIAN CHARGE, THESE REPORTS STATED THAT BOLIVIA AND MALAYSIA HAVE AGREED THAT THE U.S. SHOULD, AS A MEMBER OF THE ITC, CONSULT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE ITC BEFORE RELEASING TIN FROM THE GSA STOCKPILE. QUIROGA WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THE U.S. HAS "A MORAL OBLIGATION" TO BOLIVIA AND THE OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND SHOULD CONSIDER THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT OF A RELEASE OF TIN FROM THE GSA STOCKPILE. HE MENTIONED THAT THE TIN PRODUCERS ARE PLANNING TO MEET IN JAKARTA SOMETIME BEFORE THE APRIL ITC MEETING TO COME UP WITH A JOINT APPROACH TO THE USG ON THIS MATTER.

2. COMMENT: THE BOLIVIAN CHARGE CONFIRMED THE PRESS REPORTS OF HIS REMARKS BUT STATED THAT THE MEETING IN JAKARTA WAS STILL SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AS THE DATE PROPOSED BY THE GOI IS APRIL 6 AND THERE IS SOME FEELING THAT THIS IS TOO CLOSE TO THE OPENING OF THE
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ITC MEETING ON THE 11TH TO ACCOMPLISH ITS GOALS. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED A PARTICULARLY EMOTIONAL REACTION ON THIS ISSUE FROM THE GOM. THE INDUSTRY IS UPSET BECAUSE OF THE RECENT DROP IN TIN PRICES AND IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BLAME BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THUS FAR REMAINED CALM.
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